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# Location and History

- 1. The eastern border of the Ural Engineering Works (Uralski Mashinostroitelny Zavod) lies about 0.5 km west of the Sverdlovsk main railroad station.1 From there the works stretches out in a general westerly direction for about 8 km. It is about 6 km wide and spreads over both sides of the Kirovograd and Molotov railways, as shown on the attached sketch.
- 2. On the eastern side of the works, over a doorway which had the appearance of being the main entrance, it was written in large letters that the works had been built in 1933. This date appears to indicate the year in which construction was completed and the works placed in commission.

### Products

3. The plant produces antiaircraft machine guns, 75 mm antitank guns, S/P guns, and 105 mm guns. The 105 mm guns, when completed, were covered up and

removed to the western part of the works.

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Groups of armored force officers appeared at irregular intervals in the works. They were supposed to be members of inspection or military take-over (sic) commissions.

The destination of the finished products was not known. Products leaving the works by rail were accompanied by military guards.

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## Personnel

5. About 60,000 workers were said to be employed in the works. They consisted of Soviet civilians, German FWs, and a large number of Soviet convicts. Many women were also employed. There were three shifts.

### Raw Materials

6. The source of the raw materials was not known. Materials came into the works by branch railway lines.

### Security Measures

- 7. Individual works within the perimeter were surrounded by wooden fences or barbed wire. Outside these there were many watchtowers.
- 8. Apart from works guards, permanent military pickets were posted at the entrances and within the works. It is possible that they belonged to special units stationed within the works, as many Soviet soldiers were always seen in the area. Both infantry and artillery soldiers were observed, but the names and numbers of the units were not known.
- 9. German PWs were marched to the works separately without coming into contact with Soviet civilian workers. They were made to march arm-in-arm in columns of five. During work they were guarded by military guards, three to every fifty men. A considerable number of German watchmen (activists) were also employed. Soviet convicts were also marched to the works separately under guard.

# Layout of Works

- 10. The works was supplied with electric power from outside, although they also appeared to have their own power station.
- ll. The workshops were of different sizes. The longest work halls were estimated to be about 300 meters long. There were also many kinds of multiple story buildings serving as workshops and a big foundry with several forges.
- 12. Many branch lines ran within and outside the works. Their course was not known.

### Earnings and Prices

- 13. German PWs were only employed as common laborers and worked principally on earth excavations for new workshops. They did not have access to places of production. Their places of work were strictly circumscribed, and they were forbidden to leave them even for a short time.
- 14. German PWs were paid as common laborers. They were actually handed an average of 25 rubles per month, the balance being withheld for their keep in the camp. Following are some prices prevailing in the camp canteen:

Quantity	<u>Item</u>	Price (rubles)
l kg	Black bread	3.00
l kg	Butter	68.00
l kg	Margarine	33.00
l kg	Sausage	50.00 to 60.00
20	Ordinary cigarettes	2.00
20	Belomor cigarettes	4.80

Attachment: Sketch showing position of Ural Engineering Works.

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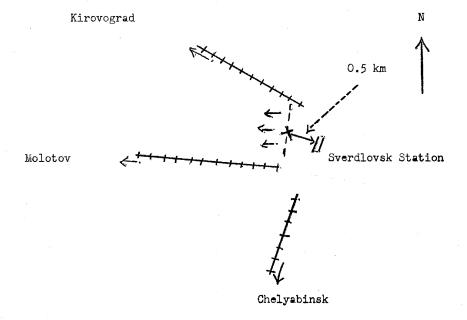
# Approved For Release 2006/04/20: CIA-RDP82-00457R01160001000328X1 SECRET/CONTROL-U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY -3 1 Comment. This plant is usually called the Uralmash Zavod. Comment. Armament production occupies only part of the works. Other reports mention wartime production of tanks and present production of such products as dredgers, oil pumps, and rolls for mill trains.

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Attachment

Sketch Showing Position of Ural Engineering Works



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